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Maleimide Copolymers of Low Molecular Mass,
for the Sizing of Paper

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the Examination of the accompanying U.S. National Stage Application of PCT
Application PCT/FR00/01692 please amend as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 4, insert as new line -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Page 5, before line 8, insert as new line -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Page 6 before line 15, insert as new line -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION --

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1 to 11 and add claims 12 to 18 as set forth in the following Clean Copy of

Amended Claims.